highest priority to preventing the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

(b) Strengthened Customs Controls are in place to prevent proliferation of sensitive technologies.

(c) There are no workshops being organised for Indian Customs officials under the direction of the United Nations Security Council.

(d) Does not arise.

Truck drivers hostage crisis

2439. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indians are being sent to Iraq from third countries as is clear from case of three Indian truck drivers taken hostage in Iraq;

(b) whether Government have taken any measures to stop giving emigration clearance for Jordan, Kuwait and UAE from where many Indian head to Iraq;

(c) if so, the details thereof,

(d) whether the security situation is not congenial to work in Iraq; and

(e) if so, the measures taken to appeal to all Indians not to go there and also to come back if they are in Iraq?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government have issued instructions to the Protectors of Emigrants that while granting ECNR and ECRs to Indian nationals going abroad, a specific entry—"NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL TO IRAQ"—shall be made in each case by the POE

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Government have issued a travel advisory advising Indian nationals to defer their travel to Iraq for the time being. Government has

also instructed the Indian Missions in Iraq, Jordan and Kuwait to extend all possible assistance to the Indians in Iraq wishing to return to India

Unsafe Atomic Establishments

†2440 SHRI MOTILAL VORA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a solution to the danger of Atomic war between India and Pakistan has been found out,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Atomic Establishments in Pakistan are not safe and they are within reach of the terrorists, and

(d) if so, the arrangements being made by Government to deal with this situation

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH) (a) and (b) Expert level talks on Nuclear Confidence Building Measures between India and Pakistan were held in New Delhi on 19-20 June, 2004 The two sides agreed to establish a hotline between the Foreign Secretaries and improve communication links between the Director Generals of Military Operations They also agreed to work towards an agreement on pre-notification of missile tests

(c) and (d) There have been concerns expressed in this regard Government constantly monitors developments in our neighbourhood and takes measures to safeguard the country's security interests

Discrimination in the name of airport security

2441 DR ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether harassment and active discrimination against Asian and other non whites in the name of airport security has been reported by a Delhi Architect woman in July 2004, and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi